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FROM BREWER. PASS TO RICHARD A. FRANK, NOAA

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SUBJECT: LOS CONFERENCE - REPORT ON WEEK OF
APRIL 24 FOR NOAA

1. ALL NEGOTIATING GROUPS ARE EXPECTED TO FINISH
THEIR WORK AND REPORT TO PLENARY BY 3 MAY. AS
EXPECTED THE THREE GROUPS DEALING WITH DEEPSEA
MINING WILL HAVE MOST DIFFICULTY IN MEETING THE
DEADLINE. FIRST GROUP UNDER NJENGA IS STRUGGLING
FOR ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE ON 25 YEAR REVIEW CLAUSE.
SECOND GROUP UNDER KOH IS FACED WITH IMPOSSIBLE
FINANCIAL PROPOSALS FROM INDIA AND OTHERS BUT
HOPES TO DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE OF REVENUE
PROVISIONS. HARDEST PROBLEM IS IN GROUP WORKING
UNDER ENGO TO SETTLE COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL WHERE
WE HAVE TAKEN FIRM POSITION THAT MINING AND IMPORTING
COUNTRIES TOGETHER MUST BE ABLE TO BLOCK COUNCIL
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ACTION AND THUS FORCE NEGOTIATED ACTION. ON BRIGHT
SIDE AN EXPERT GROUP UNDER ARCHER OF UK HAS MADE
GOOD PROGRESS ON TECHNICAL ISSUES OF PRODUCTION
CONTROL.

2. COMMITTEE II UNDER AGUILAR HAS BEEN HEARING USUAL
SUGGESTIONS TO AMEND TEXT ON STRAITS BUT THERE IS NO

REAL THREAT OF CHANGE IN THIS AREA. A PROPOSAL TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN COASTAL STATES AND LL/GDS HAS BEEN MADE BY NANDAN AND JUST POSSIBLY IT WILL SETTLE THIS TOUGH ISSUE. THE IRISH FORMULA BACKED BY US AND OTHERS CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS AS BEST WAY TO DELIMIT THE SHELF.

3. OUR PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED ARE STILL IN TROUBLE. BREWER SUPPORTS PROPOSITION THAT GETTING RID OF QUOTE FLAGRANT OR GROSS UNQUOTE LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 221(B) SHOULD HAVE TOP PRIORITY FROM HERE ON. OUR TECHNICAL PROPOSALS SUCH AS REQUIRING NOTICE OF UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE MAY BE ACCEPTED.

4. YOU CAN SEE CONFERENCE AT MOMENT RESEMBLES TEN RING CIRCUS BUT THERE IS REAL EFFORT BEING MADE BY ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS, WHICH KEEPS ALIVE HOPE OF CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS. PLEASE GIVE USUAL DOC DISTRIBUTION. RICHARDSON

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